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Principal's Message:

Where is the school year going? Continue to encourage your student to stay on the educational path to graduation. Progress Book is available 24/7. If you need assistance in accessing your child's Progress Book information, please contact us at the High School. Please encourage your child to prepare for college and careers by taking the ACT this spring; see your counselor to discuss this. Registration is done at www.actstudent.org.

Explore, Plan and ACT meetings are planned for this winter. Parents are encouraged to attend and learn about the data these tests provide about your child and future planning and course selections. All meetings will be in the Large Group Instruction Room, at 6:30 p.m.

8th Grade Explore – January 15

10th Grade Plan – January 30

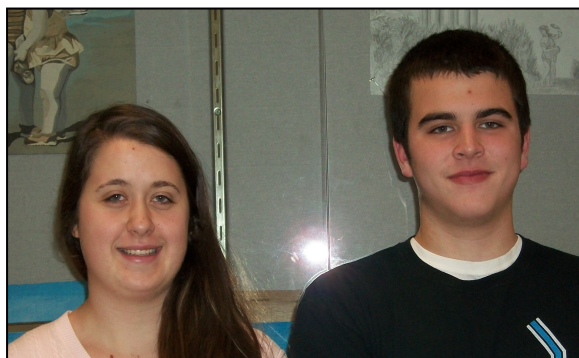
9th Grade Explore – January 23

11th Grade ACT – February 4

The staff of Wooster High School would like to wish your family a Happy Holiday. There will be no school December 24 – January 1. We look forward to seeing your child and the new successes with the start of the new calendar year. The second quarter/semester will end on Friday, January 11. Exams will still be two days and students will be required to be in school the entire time both days.

Happy Holidays!

~ Anita Jorney-Gifford, Principal



Congratulations to Katarina Linz and David Burnett on being selected the November Recognized Board of Education students.

College Over Coffee

Any parent preparing to send a high school student to college is invited to be the guest of The Ohio State University at Mansfield on Thursday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cyber Cafe, Ovalwood Hall. Everything from applications and deadlines to financial aid and campus visits will be covered. Register at 419-755-4203 or at grimm.4@osu.edu. Coffee will be provided - just bring questions!

OGT Schedule

Sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) during the week of March 11-15. One of the best OGT resources for students is Ohio's statewide Testing website. It can be accessed at <http://ogt.success-ode.state-oh-us-info>.

College Preparation

The guidance counselors have been scheduling interviews in order to direct each junior and senior down the right path based on future goals. Those considering furthering their education should keep in mind the following:

1. Visit college campuses and obtain application information.
2. Make appointments with the college admissions officer and the financial aid director - these are the best sources of information.
3. Athletes pursuing Division I or II colleges should send in a completed NCAA student registration form online. Information can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org or at www.ncaa.org, click on Eligibility Center on the right. A transcript release form must be turned in at the guidance office.
4. The ACT and/or SAT are a must. The 2012-2013 schedule of test dates is on the following page.
5. Continue to search for scholarships. Check the bulletin board in the guidance office and college catalogs for individual scholarships at each college of interest. The Wayne County Community Foundation will mail a scholarship booklet to each senior during winter break. This booklet is an excellent resource for locating scholarships available to students. All scholarships will be posted online at www.woostercityschools.org, click on Wooster High School, click on Guidance Department and then on Scholarships.
6. Consider job shadowing someone in the career of interest.
7. Juniors and seniors are allowed three excused absences to visit colleges. First, schedule the visit with the college, then provide a note from a parent three days in advance of the visit to Mrs. Schriber, Attendance Secretary.
8. The College Application Podcast is available at www.woostercityschools.org, Wooster High School, Guidance Department, College Information Center, and finally College Application. This podcast gives complete, detailed instructions on how to complete the college application process.

College Application Deadlines

College applications due by January 1 will need to be turned in to the Guidance Office by December 14. Guidance counselors will NOT, under any circumstances, be expected to process college applications received the week of December 17-21. Therefore, students requiring applications to be mailed prior to winter break, MUST turn them in to their counselor by December 14. All applications received after December 14 will be processed as time permits with no promise of being mailed prior to winter break.

Scholarship Meeting

The Guidance Department would like to invite all seniors and their parents to a meeting designed to give a better understanding of the scholarship process. A scholarship booklet from the Wayne County Community Foundation will be mailed to all seniors over winter break. The booklet will list many local, county, state, regional, and national scholarships that are available to Wooster High School students. A representative from the Wayne County Community Foundation will be on hand to answer questions. This meeting is scheduled for January 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room.

Wayne County Schools Career Center

On Friday, October 19, Career Center representatives were at WHS to talk to all sophomores about opportunities at the Career Center for the 2013-2014 school year. On Friday, November 16, the students had the opportunity to visit the Career Center in three areas of their choice. Students were given an enrollment application for the Career Center. All applications are due back to the guidance office by January 25 for priority consideration. All applications received February 1 - 22 will be considered on a space available basis.

Test Day

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors took the EXPLORE, PLAN or PSAT on October 17. The counselors will be meeting with all students that took these tests to interpret results. The PSAT provides eligibility as a possible candidate for a National Merit Scholarship. Mr. Leshner will have an interpretation session of the PSAT on December 14.